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**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

10/587,015

**Applicant(s)**

NISHIZAWA ET AL.

**Examiner**

CHARLES HICKS

**Art Unit**

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed 09/28/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This communication is responsive to amendments filed 09/28/2009. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 1 and 2 are pending.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1 and 2 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

US Patent No. 6,054,974 to Sakai et al. discloses a cholesteric liquid crystal driving device comprising (Sakai, Fig. 34; col. 1, ll. 11-60): a detection circuit for detecting a first scanning line and a second scanning line (Sakai, col. 3, ll. 14-36), wherein, in image data having two or more gray levels to be displayed by a plurality of liquid crystals provided at intersections of a plurality of scanning lines and a plurality of data lines, one part of the image data corresponding to a liquid crystal on the first scanning line has different gray levels other than a halftone and another part of the image data corresponding to a liquid crystal on the second scanning line has the same gray level other than the halftone (Sakai, col. 1, ll. 11-60); a first driving circuit for displaying, on the basis of a detection result for the first scanning line by the detection circuit, the one part of the image data to be displayed by the liquid crystal on each of a plurality of first scanning lines by driving the liquid crystal on each of the plurality of first

scanning lines in accordance with a first cycle including a reset period, a selection period for selecting the liquid crystal, and a holding period for holding the liquid crystal, and in accordance with a second cycle including a reset period for resetting the liquid crystal, a selection period for selecting the liquid crystal, and a holding period for holding the liquid crystal, which is selected in the (Sakai, col. 10, ll. 44—col. 11, ll. 31), and a second driving circuit for displaying, on the basis of a detection result for the second scanning line by the detection circuit, the other part of the image data to be displayed by the liquid crystal on each of a plurality of second scanning lines by driving the liquid crystal on each of the plurality of second scanning lines in accordance with a third cycle including a reset period for resetting the liquid crystal in the H-orientation and a holding period for holding the liquid crystal, or in accordance with a fourth cycle including a reset period for resetting the liquid crystal, and by collectively selecting and driving the plurality of second scanning lines during each of the reset period and the holding period in the third and fourth cycles or by sequentially selecting and driving the plurality of second scanning lines by shifting by the selection period during each of the reset period and the holding period in the third and fourth cycles (Sakai, col. 10, ll. 44—col. 11, ll. 31).

US Patent No. 6,268,840 to Huang et al. discloses a liquid crystal display device wherein there is sequential selecting and driving the plurality of first scanning lines using a pipeline system such that the selection periods do not overlap with each other during

each of the reset period, the selection period, and the holding period in the first and second cycles (Huang, Abstract, col. 2, ll. 16-19, col. 7, ll. 20-34).

As to claim 1, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a cholesteric liquid crystal driving device comprising: a detection circuit for detecting a first scanning line and a second scanning line, wherein, in image data having two or more gray levels to be displayed by a plurality of cholesteric liquid crystals provided at intersections of a plurality of scanning lines and a plurality of data lines, *the orientation of each of the plurality of cholesteric liquid crystals being defined in a P-orientation, an F-orientation, or an H-orientation in accordance with a voltage between the corresponding scanning lines and the corresponding data lines*, one part of the image data corresponding to a cholesteric liquid crystal on the first scanning line has different gray levels other than a halftone and another part of the image data corresponding to a cholesteric liquid crystal on the second scanning line has the same gray level other than the halftone; *a first driving circuit for displaying, on the basis of a detection result for the first scanning line by the detection circuit, the one part of the image data to be displayed by the cholesteric liquid crystal on each of a plurality of first scanning lines by driving the cholesteric liquid crystal on each of the plurality of first scanning lines in accordance with a first cycle consisting of a reset period for resetting the cholesteric liquid crystal in the H-orientation, a selection period for selecting the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is reset in the H-orientation, in a TP orientation, and a holding period for holding the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is selected in the TP orientation, in the F-orientation and in*

*accordance with a second cycle consisting of a reset period for resetting the cholesteric liquid crystal in the H-orientation, a selection period for selecting the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is reset in the H-orientation, in the H-orientation, and a holding period for holding the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is selected in the H-orientation, in the P-orientation and by sequentially selecting and driving the plurality of first scanning lines using a pipeline system such that the selection periods do not overlap with each other during each of the reset period, the selection period, and the holding period in the first and second cycles; and a second driving circuit for displaying, on the basis of a detection result for the second scanning line by the detection circuit, the other part of the image data to be displayed by the cholesteric liquid crystal on each of a plurality of second scanning lines by driving the cholesteric liquid crystal on each of the plurality of second scanning lines in accordance with a third cycle consisting of a reset period for resetting the cholesteric liquid crystal in the H-orientation and a holding period for holding the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is reset in the H-orientation, in the F-orientation or in accordance with a fourth cycle consisting of a reset period for resetting the cholesteric liquid crystal in the H-orientation, the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is reset in the H-orientation, being transit to the TP orientation at the end of the reset period, and by collectively selecting and driving the plurality of second scanning lines during each of the reset period and the holding period in the third and fourth cycles or by sequentially selecting and driving the plurality of second scanning lines by shifting by the selection period during each of the reset period and the holding period in the third and fourth cycles.*



As to claim2, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a cholesteric liquid crystal driving method comprising: a detection step of detecting a first scanning line and a second scanning line, wherein, in image data having two or more gray levels to be displayed by a plurality of cholesteric liquid crystals provided at intersections of a plurality of scanning lines and a plurality of data lines, *the orientation of each of the plurality of cholesteric liquid crystals being defined in a P-orientation, an F-orientation, or an H-orientation in accordance with a voltage between the corresponding scanning lines and the corresponding data lines*, one part of the image data corresponding to a cholesteric liquid crystal on the first scanning line has different gray levels other than a halftone and another part of the image data corresponding to a cholesteric liquid crystal on the second scanning line has the same gray level other than the halftone; *a first driving step of displaying, on the basis of a detection result for the first scanning line by the detection step, the one part of the image data to be displayed by the cholesteric liquid crystal on each of a plurality of first scanning lines by driving the cholesteric liquid crystal on each of the plurality of first scanning lines in accordance with a first cycle consisting of a reset period for resetting the cholesteric liquid crystal in the H-orientation, a selection period for selecting the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is reset in the H-orientation, in a TP orientation, and a holding period for holding the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is selected in the TP orientation, in the F-orientation and in accordance with a second cycle consisting of a reset period for resetting the cholesteric liquid crystal in the H-orientation, a selection period for selecting the cholesteric liquid*

*crystal, which is reset in the H-orientation, in the H-orientation, and a holding period for holding the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is selected in the H-orientation, in the P-orientation and by sequentially selecting and driving the plurality of first scanning lines using a pipeline system such that the selection periods do not overlap with each other during each of the reset period, the selection period, and the holding period in the first and second cycles; and a second driving step of displaying, on the basis of a detection result for the second scanning line by the detection step, the other part of the image data to be displayed by the cholesteric liquid crystal on each of a plurality of second scanning lines by driving the cholesteric liquid crystal on each of the plurality of second scanning lines in accordance with a third cycle consisting of a reset period for resetting the cholesteric liquid crystal in the H-orientation and a holding period for holding the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is reset in the H-orientation, in the F-orientation or in accordance with a fourth cycle consisting of a reset period for resetting the cholesteric liquid crystal in the H-orientation, the cholesteric liquid crystal, which is reset in the H-orientation, being transit to the TP orientation at the end of the reset period, and by collectively selecting and driving the plurality of second scanning lines during each of the reset period and the holding period in the third and fourth cycles or by sequentially selecting and driving the plurality of second scanning lines by shifting by the selection period during each of the reset period and the holding period in the third and fourth cycles.*

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### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLES HICKS whose telephone number is 571-270-7535. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz, can be reached on 571-272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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